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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG'S BUDDY
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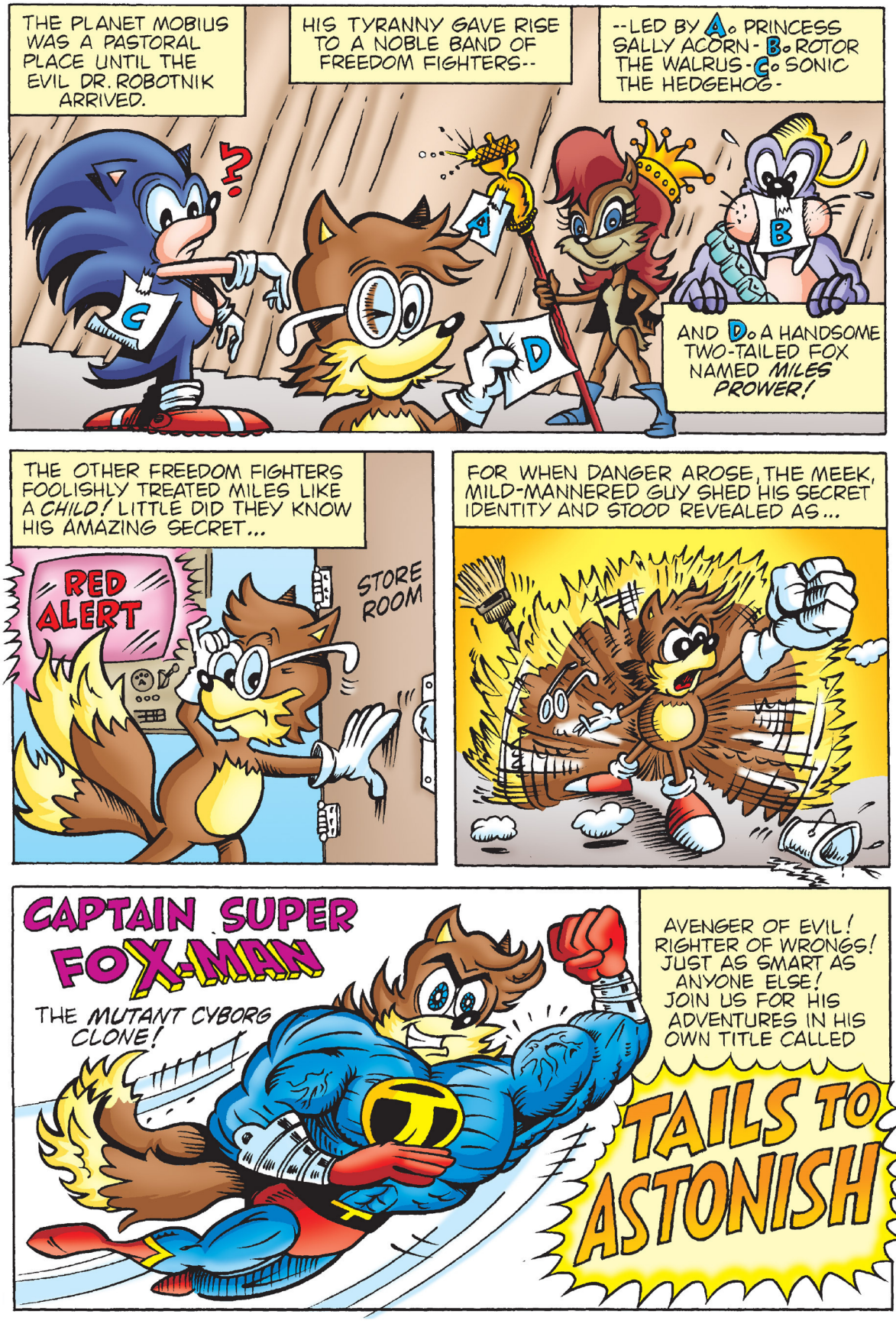
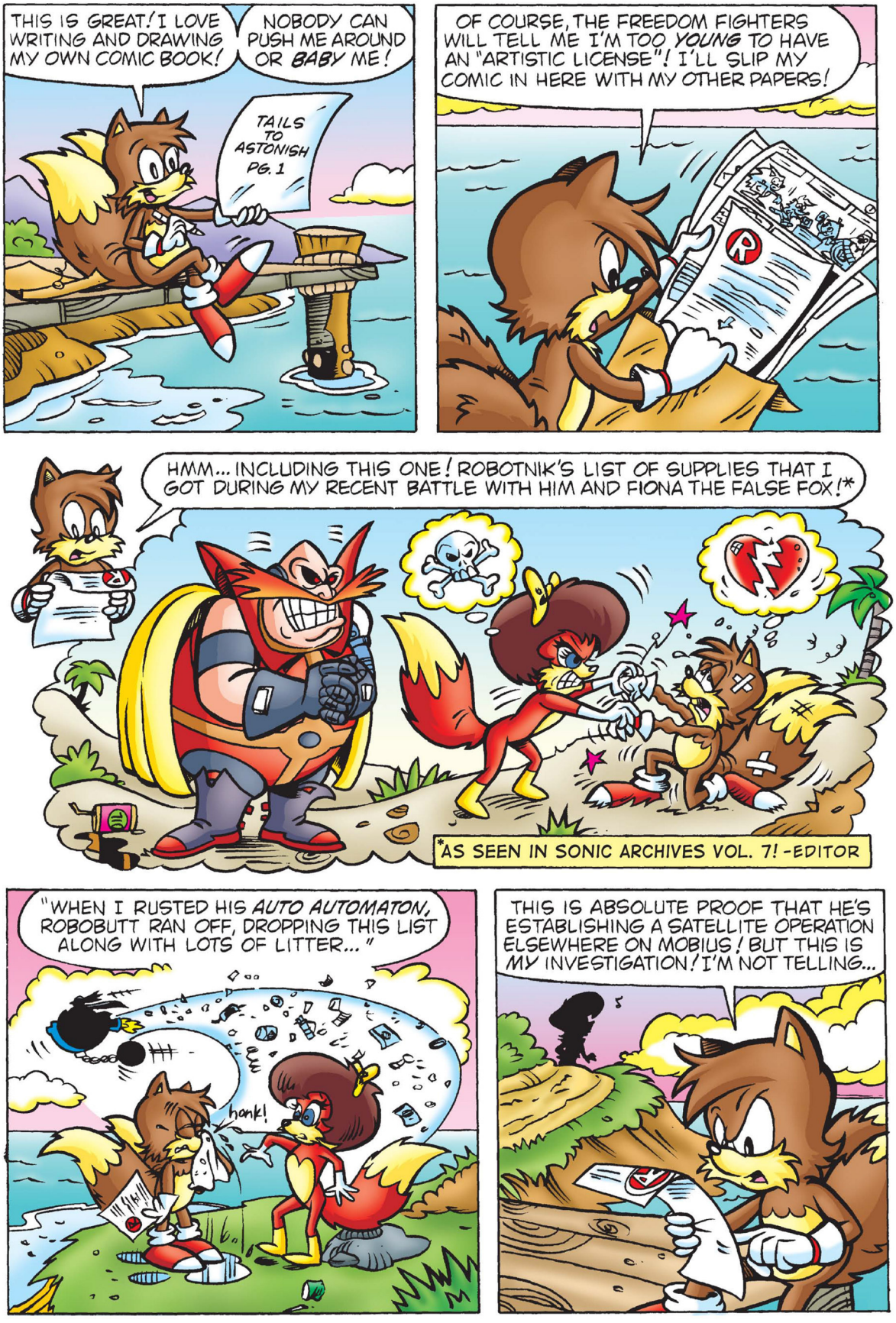
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
HERE!
MY BEST BUDDY TAILS IS COMING AT YOU IN HIS OWN THRILL-PACKED MINI-SERIES!
YEEEE-HA!


THE PLANET MOBIUS WAS A PASTORAL PLACE UNTIL THE EVIL DR. ROBOTNIK ARRIVED.
HIS TYRANNY GAVE RISE TO A NOBLE BAND OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS--
--LED BY A. PRINCESS SALLY ACORN - B. ROTOR THE WALRUS - C. SONIC THE HEDGEHOG -
AND D. A HANDSOME TWO-TAILED FOX NAMED MILES PROWER!
THE OTHER FREEDOM FIGHTERS FOOLISHLY TREATED MILES LIKE A CHILD! LITTLE DID THEY KNOW HIS AMAZING SECRET...
RED ALERT
STORE ROOM
FOR WHEN DANGER AROSE, THE MEEK, MILD-MANNERED GUY SHED HIS SECRET IDENTITY AND STOOD REVEALED AS...
CAPTAIN SUPER FOX-MAN
THE MUTANT CYBORG CLONE!
AVENGER OF EVIL! RIGHTER OF WRONGS! JUST AS SMART AS ANYONE ELSE! JOIN US FOR HIS ADVENTURES IN HIS OWN TITLE CALLED
TAILS TO ASTONISH


THIS IS GREAT! I LOVE WRITING AND DRAWING MY OWN COMIC BOOK!
NOBODY CAN PUSH ME AROUND OR BABY ME!
TAILS TO ASTONISH PG. 1
OF COURSE, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WILL TELL ME I'M TOO YOUNG TO HAVE AN "ARTISTIC LICENSE"! I'LL SLIP MY COMIC IN HERE WITH MY OTHER PAPERS!
HMM... INCLUDING THIS ONE! ROBOTNIK'S LIST OF SUPPLIES THAT I GOT DURING MY RECENT BATTLE WITH HIM AND FIONA THE FALSE FOX!*
*AS SEEN IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 7! -EDITOR
"WHEN I RUSTED HIS AUTO AUTOMATON, ROBOBUTT RAN OFF, DROPPING THIS LIST ALONG WITH LOTS OF LITTER..."
hank!
THIS IS ABSOLUTE PROOF THAT HE'S ESTABLISHING A SATELLITE OPERATION ELSEWHERE ON MOBIUS! BUT THIS IS MY INVESTIGATION! I'M NOT TELLING...

TAILS!™ IN SOUTHERN CROSSOVER! PART I

...PRINCESS SALLY!

ZIP!

FWUF!

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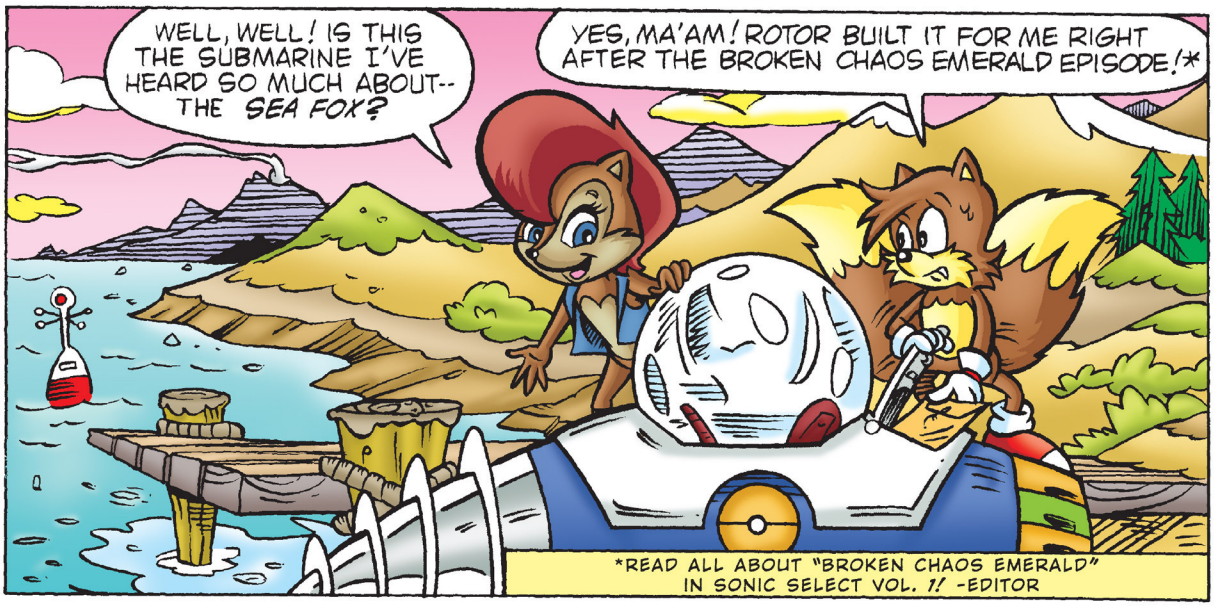
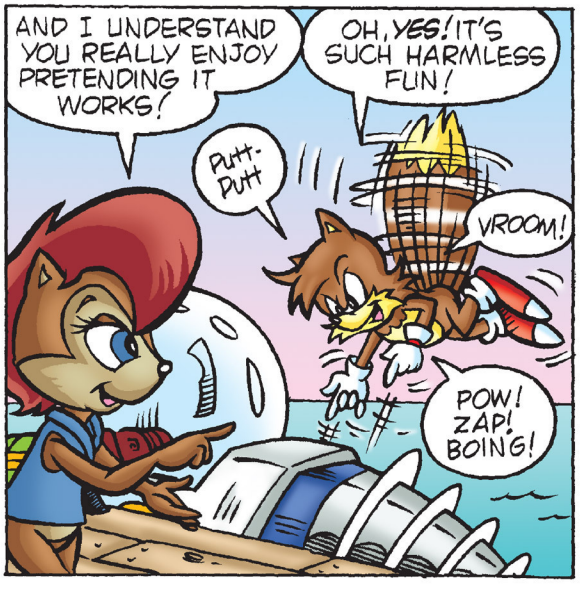
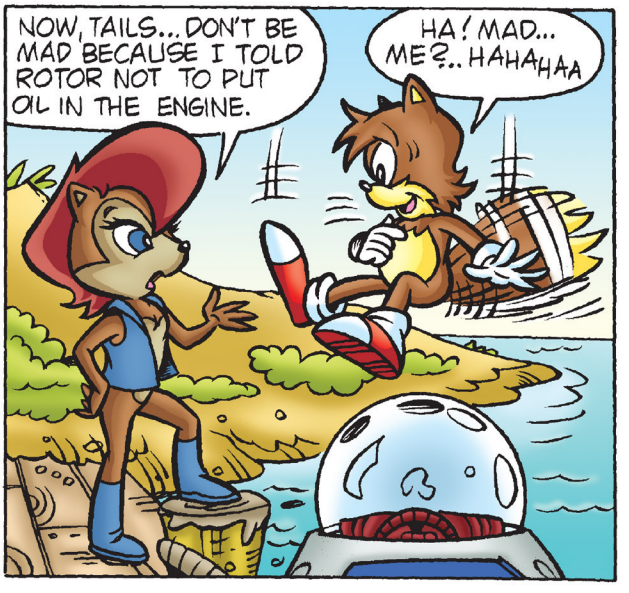
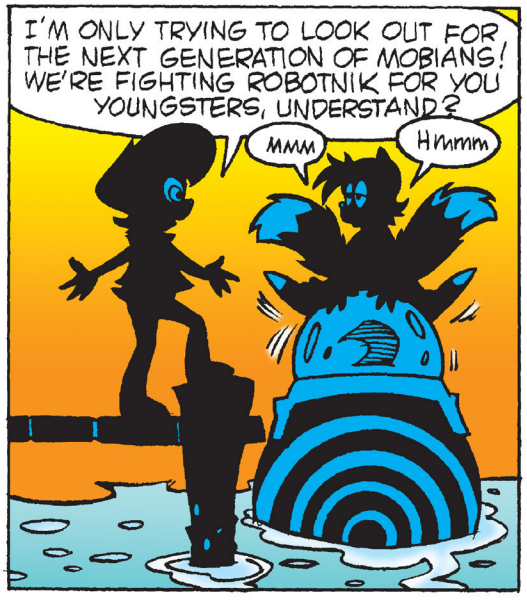
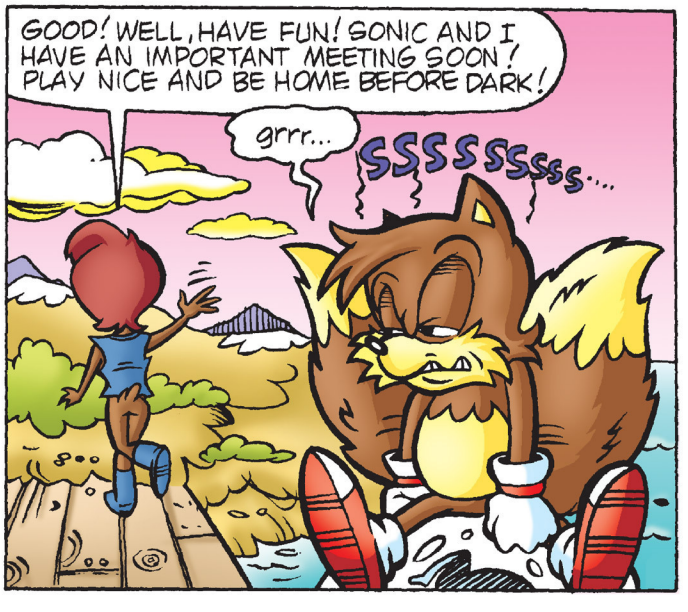
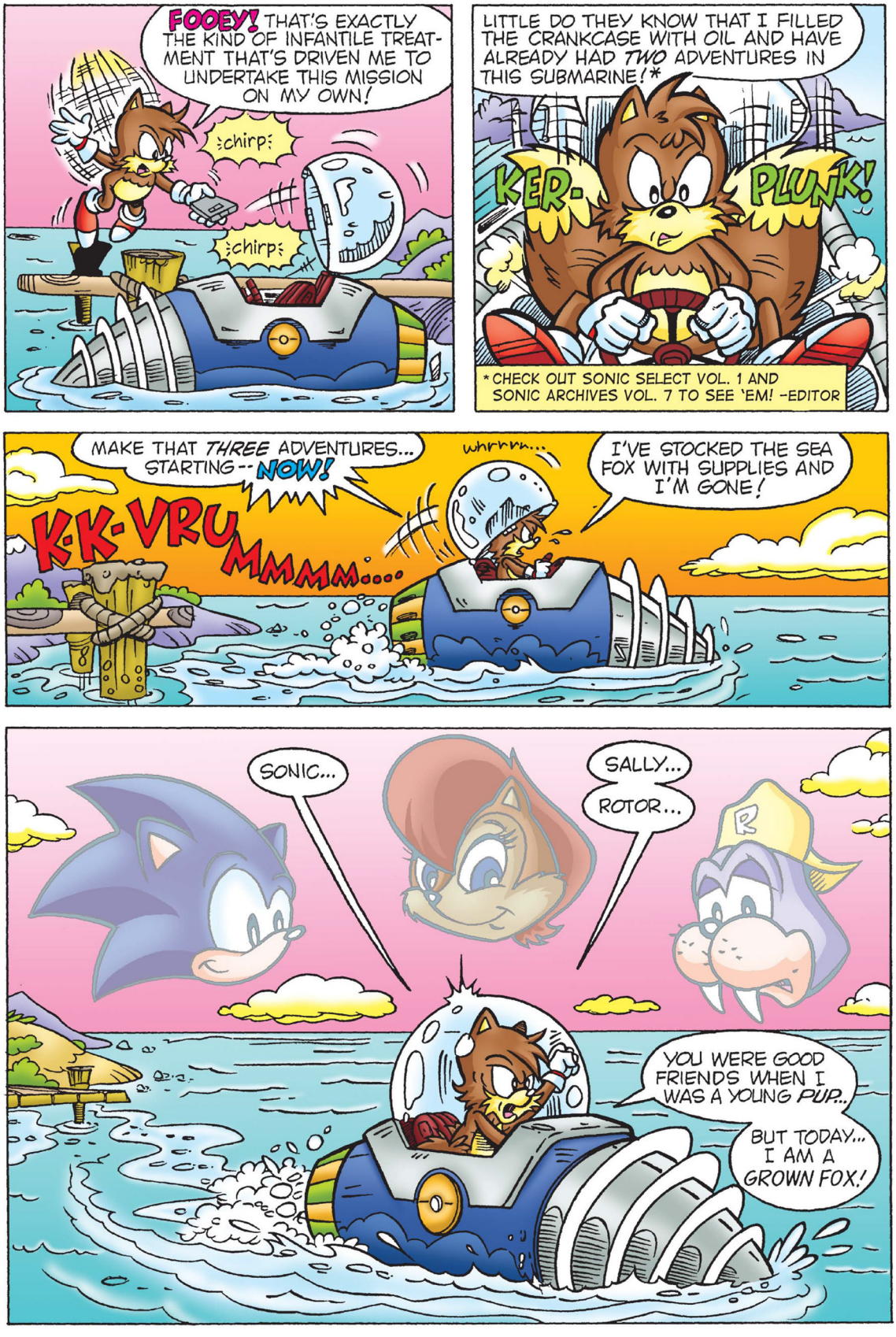

WELL, WELL! IS THIS THE SUBMARINE I'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT-- THE SEA FOX?
YES, MA'AM! ROTOR BUILT IT FOR ME RIGHT AFTER THE BROKEN CHAOS EMERALD EPISODE!*
*READ ALL ABOUT "BROKEN CHAOS EMERALD" IN SONIC SELECT VOL. ?! -EDITOR

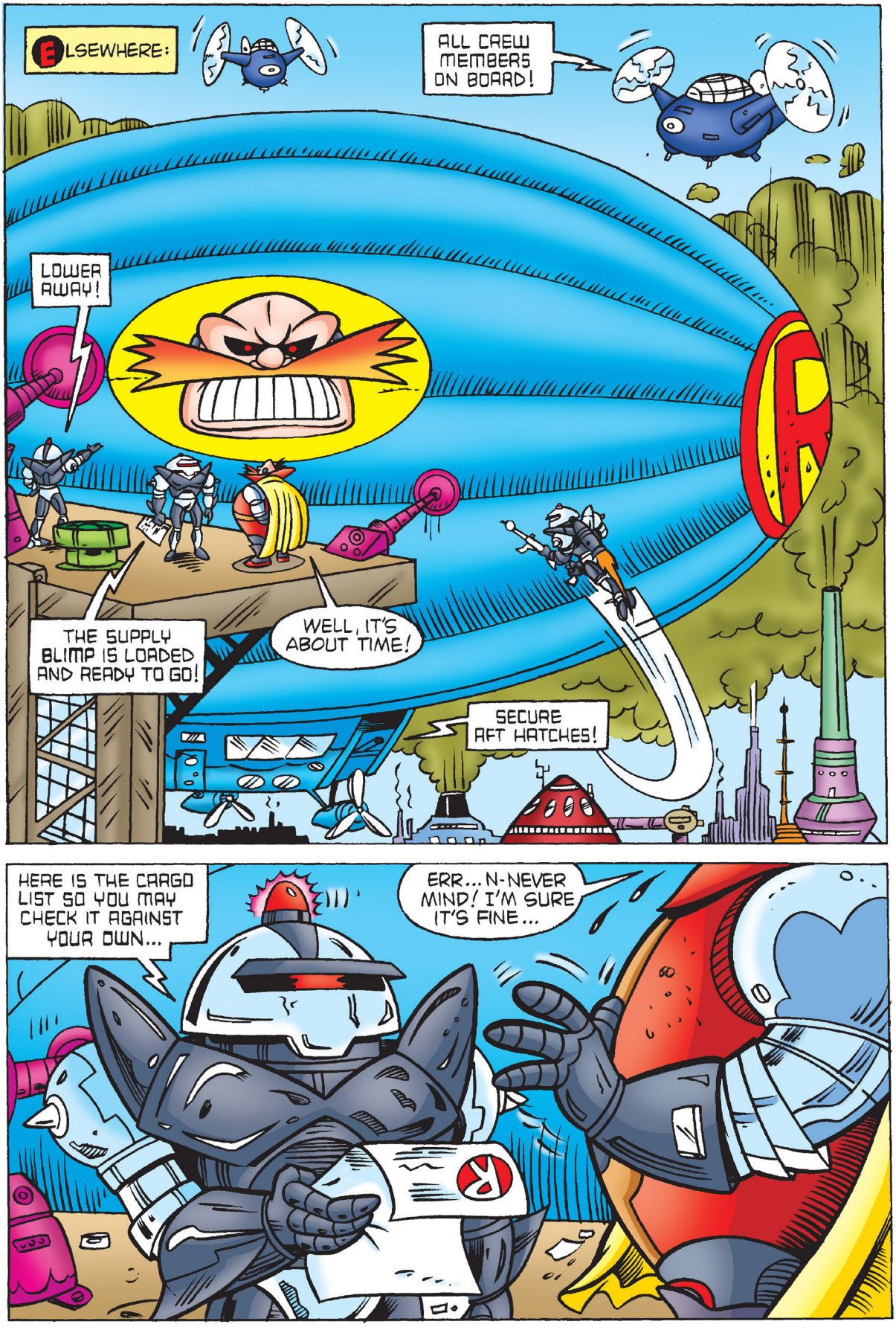

AND I UNDERSTAND YOU REALLY ENJOY PRETENDING IT WORKS!
OH, YES! IT'S SUCH HARMLESS FUN!
PUTT-PUTT
VROOM!
POW! ZAP! BOING!


NOW, TAILS... DON'T BE MAD BECAUSE I TOLD ROTOR NOT TO PUT OIL IN THE ENGINE.
HA! MAD... ME?.. HAHAHAA

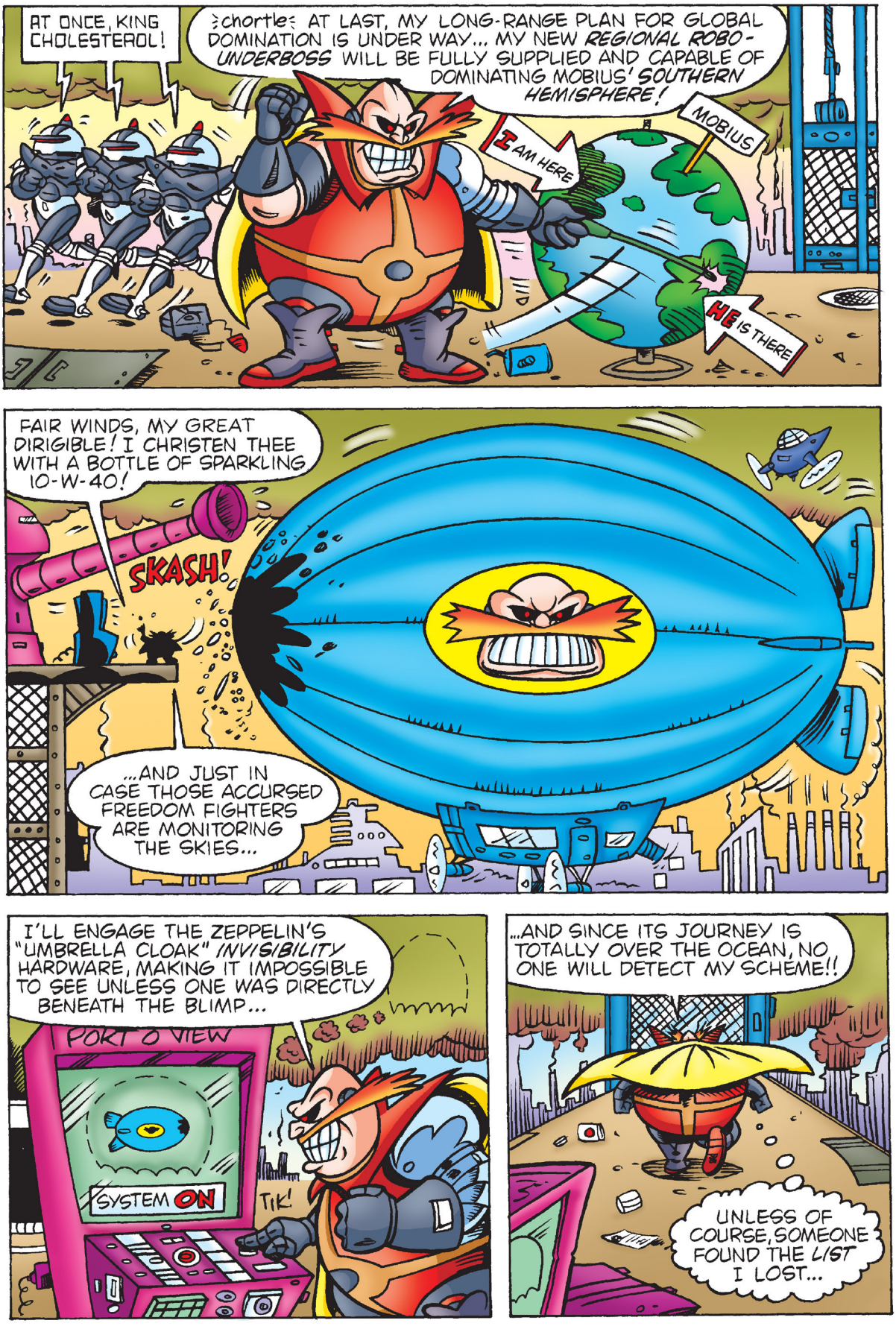

I'M ONLY TRYING TO LOOK OUT FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF MOBIANS! WE'RE FIGHTING ROBOTNIK FOR YOU YOUNGSTERS, UNDERSTAND?
MMM
Hmmm

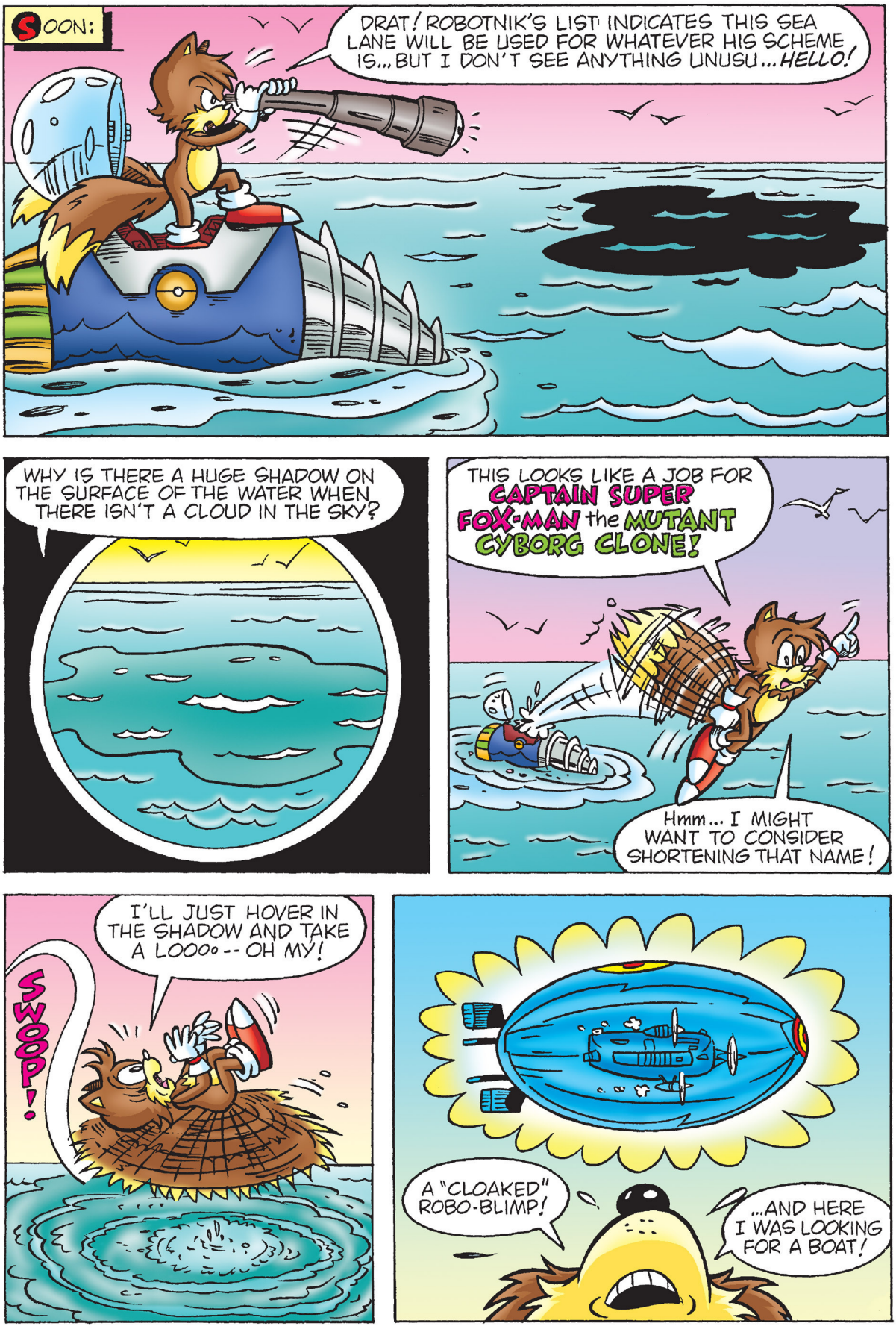

GOOD! WELL, HAVE FUN! SONIC AND I HAVE AN IMPORTANT MEETING SOON! PLAY NICE AND BE HOME BEFORE DARK!
grrr...
SSSSSSSSS....


FOOEY! THAT'S EXACTLY THE KIND OF INFANTILE TREATMENT THAT'S DRIVEN ME TO UNDERTAKE THIS MISSION ON MY OWN!
:chirp:
:chirp:
LITTLE DO THEY KNOW THAT I FILLED THE CRANKCASE WITH OIL AND HAVE ALREADY HAD TWO ADVENTURES IN THIS SUBMARINE!*
KER-
PLUNK!
*CHECK OUT SONIC SELECT VOL. 1 AND SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 7 TO SEE 'EM! -EDITOR
MAKE THAT THREE ADVENTURES... STARTING-- NOW!
whrrrrn...
I'VE STOCKED THE SEA FOX WITH SUPPLIES AND I'M GONE!
K-K-VRU
MMMM....
SONIC...
SALLY...
ROTOR...
YOU WERE GOOD FRIENDS WHEN I WAS A YOUNG PUP...
BUT TODAY... I AM A GROWN FOX!

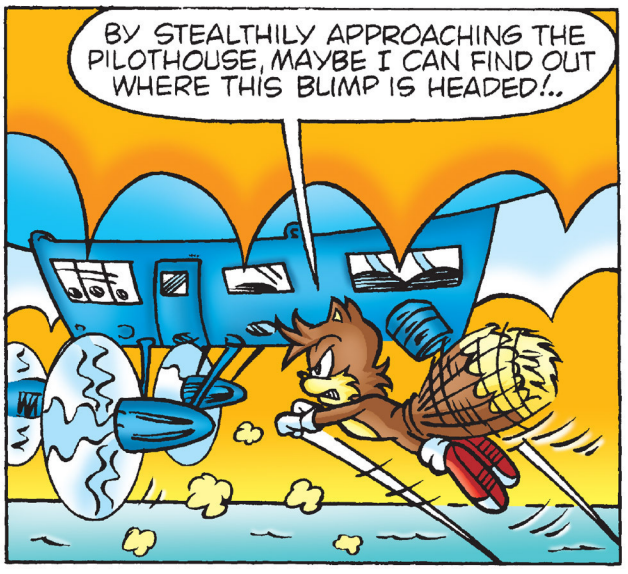

ELSEWHERE:
ALL CREW MEMBERS ON BOARD!
LOWER AWAY!
THE SUPPLY BLIMP IS LOADED AND READY TO GO!
WELL, IT'S ABOUT TIME!
SECURE AFT HATCHES!
HERE IS THE CARGO LIST SO YOU MAY CHECK IT AGAINST YOUR OWN...
ERR... N-NEVER MIND! I'M SURE IT'S FINE...

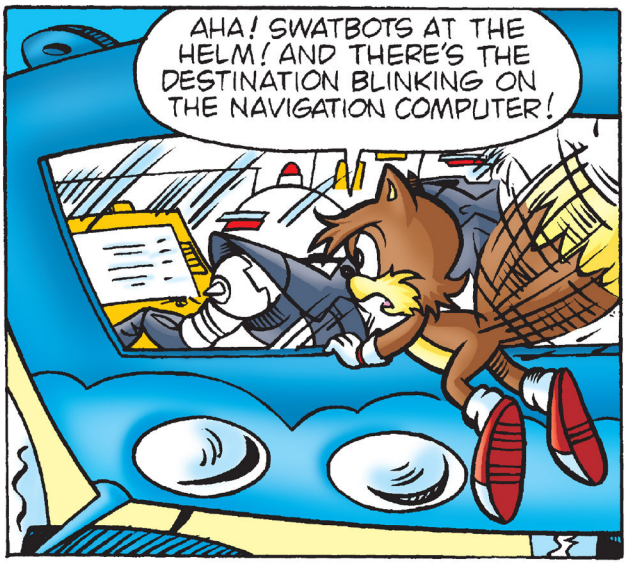
BUT YOUR ORDERS WERE VERY SPECIFIC, OH, ROTUND ONE... PRESENT LIST FOR COMPAR-
UH-
-OH
ARE YOU QUESTIONING ME, SWATBOT?
AS MY OLD FRIEND DARTH WOULD SAY: "I FIND YOUR LACK OF FAITH DISTURBING!"
HOOOH-OHHH!
gurk!
CRUMPLE!
SNARL
MASH...
SQU ISH!
COMPRESS...
WOULD ANYONE ELSE CARE TO CONTRADICT THE GREAT DICTATOR IVO ROBOTNIK?
ULP!
N-N-NUH-
NOSSIR!
dink!
doink!
GOOD! NOW YOU TIN-HORNS GET ON BOARD AND PREPARE FOR TAKEOFF!

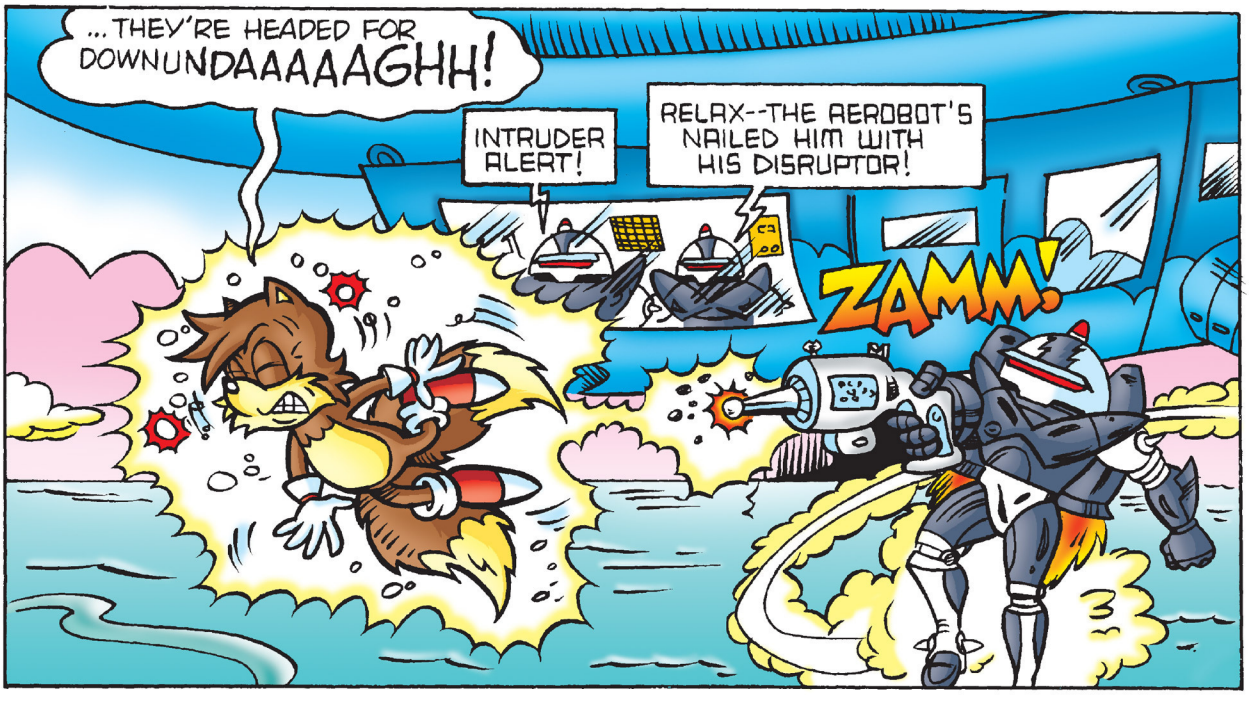

AT ONCE, KING CHOLESTEROL!
:chortle: AT LAST, MY LONG-RANGE PLAN FOR GLOBAL DOMINATION IS UNDER WAY... MY NEW REGIONAL ROBO-UNDERBOSS WILL BE FULLY SUPPLIED AND CAPABLE OF DOMINATING MOBIUS' SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE!
I AM HERE
MOBIUS
HE IS THERE
FAIR WINDS, MY GREAT DIRIGIBLE! I CHRISTEN THEE WITH A BOTTLE OF SPARKLING 10-W-40!
SKASH!
...AND JUST IN CASE THOSE ACCURSED FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE MONITORING THE SKIES...
I'LL ENGAGE THE ZEPPELIN'S "UMBRELLA CLOAK" INVISIBILITY HARDWARE, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE UNLESS ONE WAS DIRECTLY BENEATH THE BLIMP...
PORT O VIEW
SYSTEM ON
TIK!
...AND SINCE ITS JOURNEY IS TOTALLY OVER THE OCEAN, NO ONE WILL DETECT MY SCHEME!!
UNLESS OF COURSE, SOMEONE FOUND THE LIST I LOST...

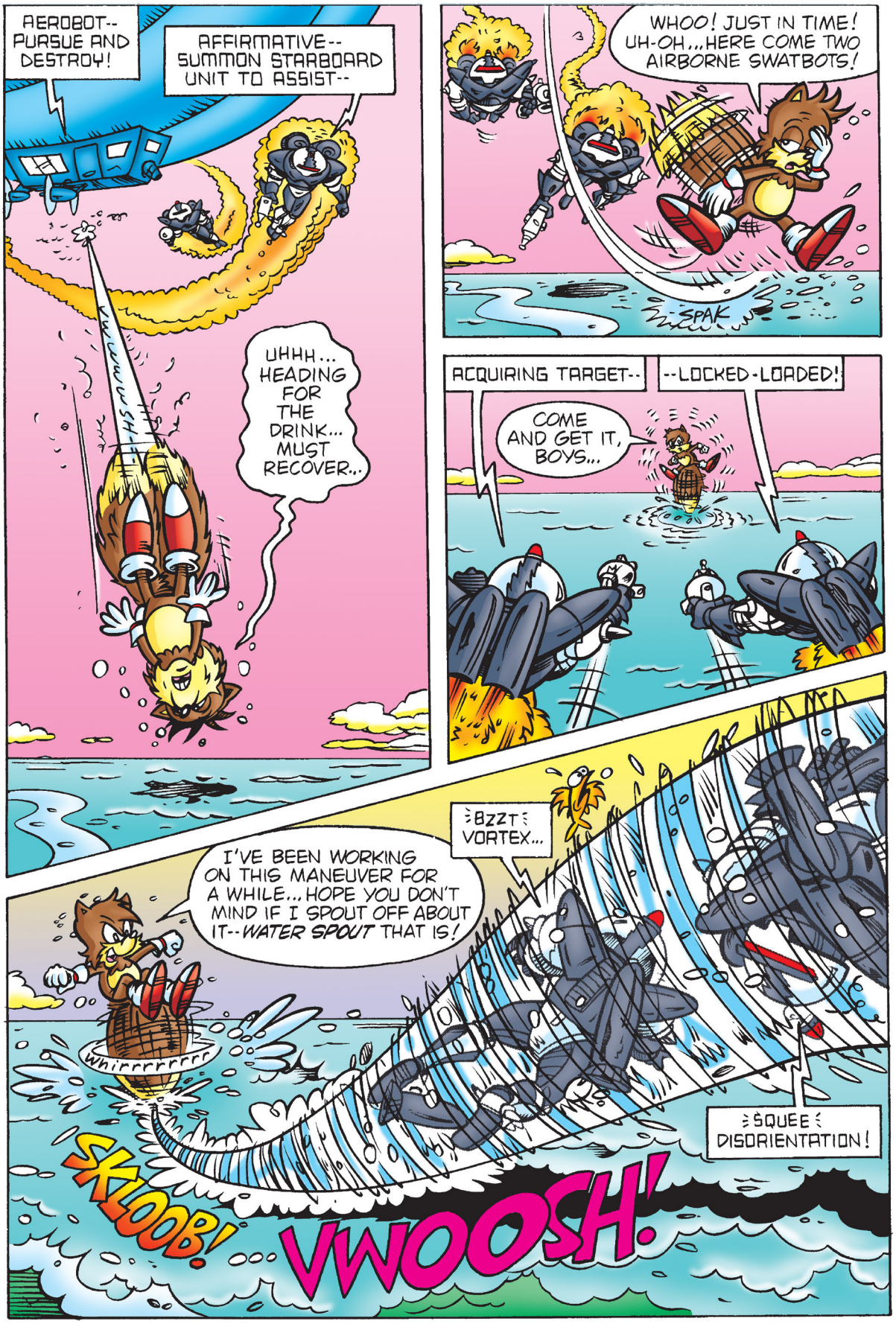

SOON:
DRAT! ROBOTNIK'S LIST INDICATES THIS SEA LANE WILL BE USED FOR WHATEVER HIS SCHEME IS... BUT I DON'T SEE ANYTHING UNUSU... HELLO!
WHY IS THERE A HUGE SHADOW ON THE SURFACE OF THE WATER WHEN THERE ISN'T A CLOUD IN THE SKY?
THIS LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR CAPTAIN SUPER FOX-MAN the MUTANT CYBORG CLONE!
Hmm... I MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER SHORTENING THAT NAME!
I'LL JUST HOVER IN THE SHADOW AND TAKE A LOOOo -- OH MY!
SWOOP!
A "CLOAKED" ROBO-BLIMP!
...AND HERE I WAS LOOKING FOR A BOAT!

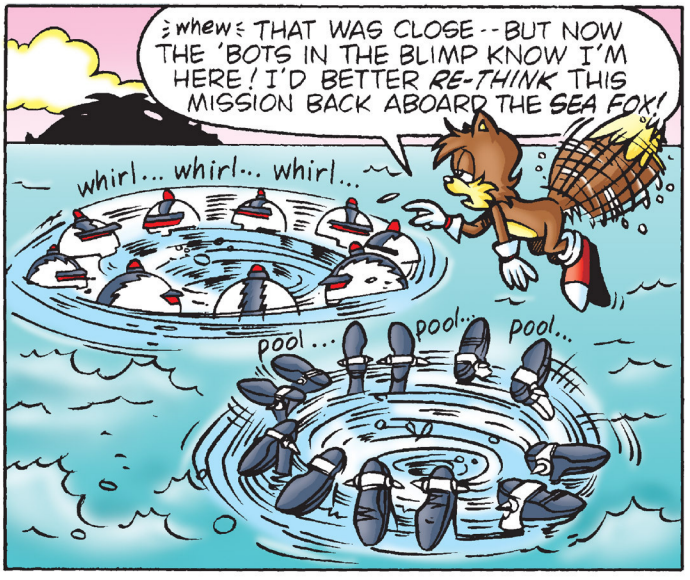
A TRICK LIKE THAT MIGHT HAVE FOOLED A YOUNG, INEXPERIENCED FREEDOM FIGHTER...
BUT NOT CAPTAIN SUPER--
Umm... BUT NOT ME!
ZOOSH...

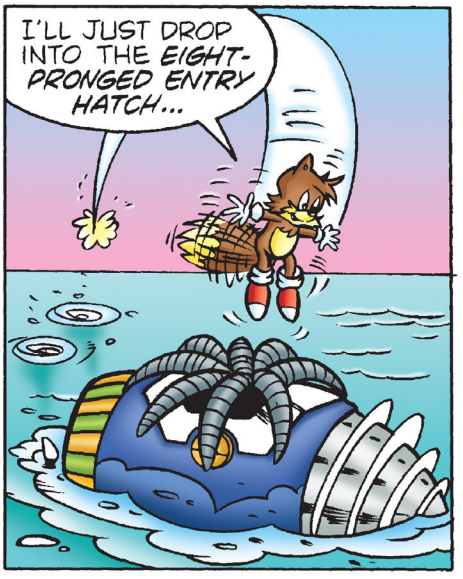

BY STEALTHILY APPROACHING THE PILOTHOUSE, MAYBE I CAN FIND OUT WHERE THIS BLIMP IS HEADED!..

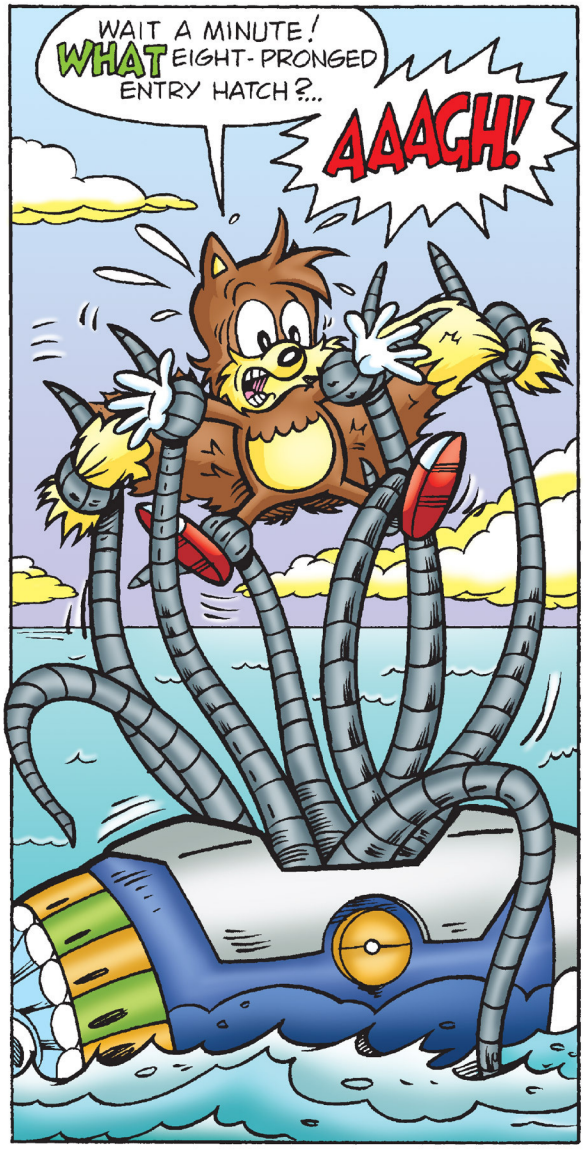

AHA! SWATBOTS AT THE HELM! AND THERE'S THE DESTINATION BLINKING ON THE NAVIGATION COMPUTER!

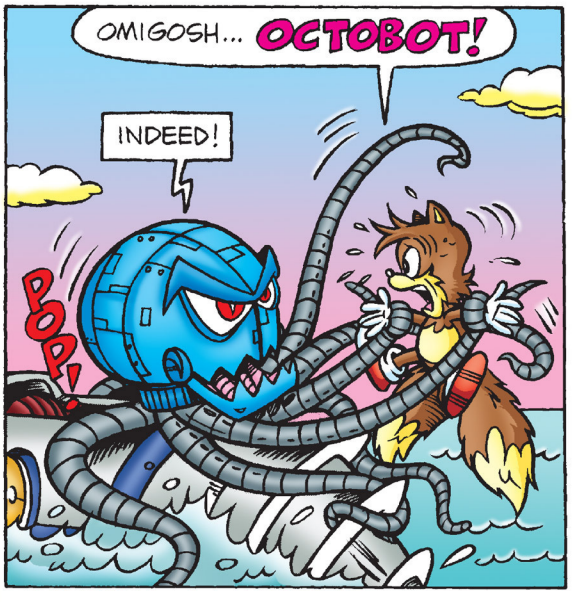

...THEY'RE HEADED FOR DOWNUNDAAAAAGHH!
INTRUDER ALERT!
RELAX--THE AEROBOT'S NAILED HIM WITH HIS DISRUPTOR!
ZAMM!

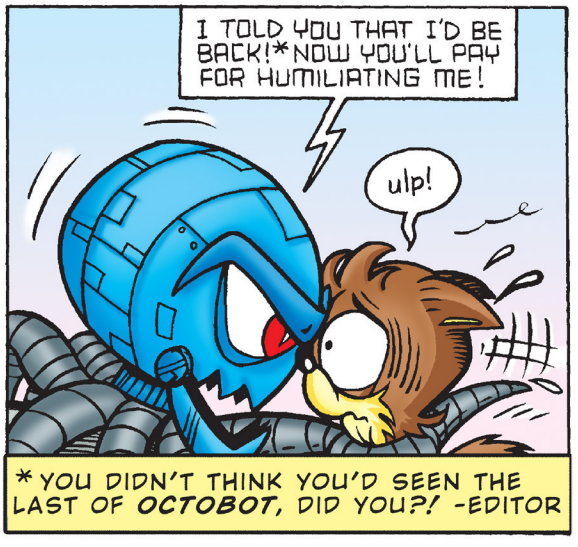

AEROBOT--PURSUE AND DESTROY!
AFFIRMATIVE--SUMMON STARBOARD UNIT TO ASSIST--
UHHH... HEADING FOR THE DRINK... MUST RECOVER...
WHOO! JUST IN TIME! UH-OH...HERE COME TWO AIRBORNE SWATBOTS!
SPAK
ACQUIRING TARGET--
--LOCKED-LOADED!
COME AND GET IT, BOYS...
I'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS MANEUVER FOR A WHILE... HOPE YOU DON'T MIND IF I SPOUT OFF ABOUT IT--*WATER SPOUT* THAT IS!
whirrrrrrrrr
:BZZT: VORTEX...
:SQUEE: DISORIENTATION!
SKLOOB!
VWOOSH!

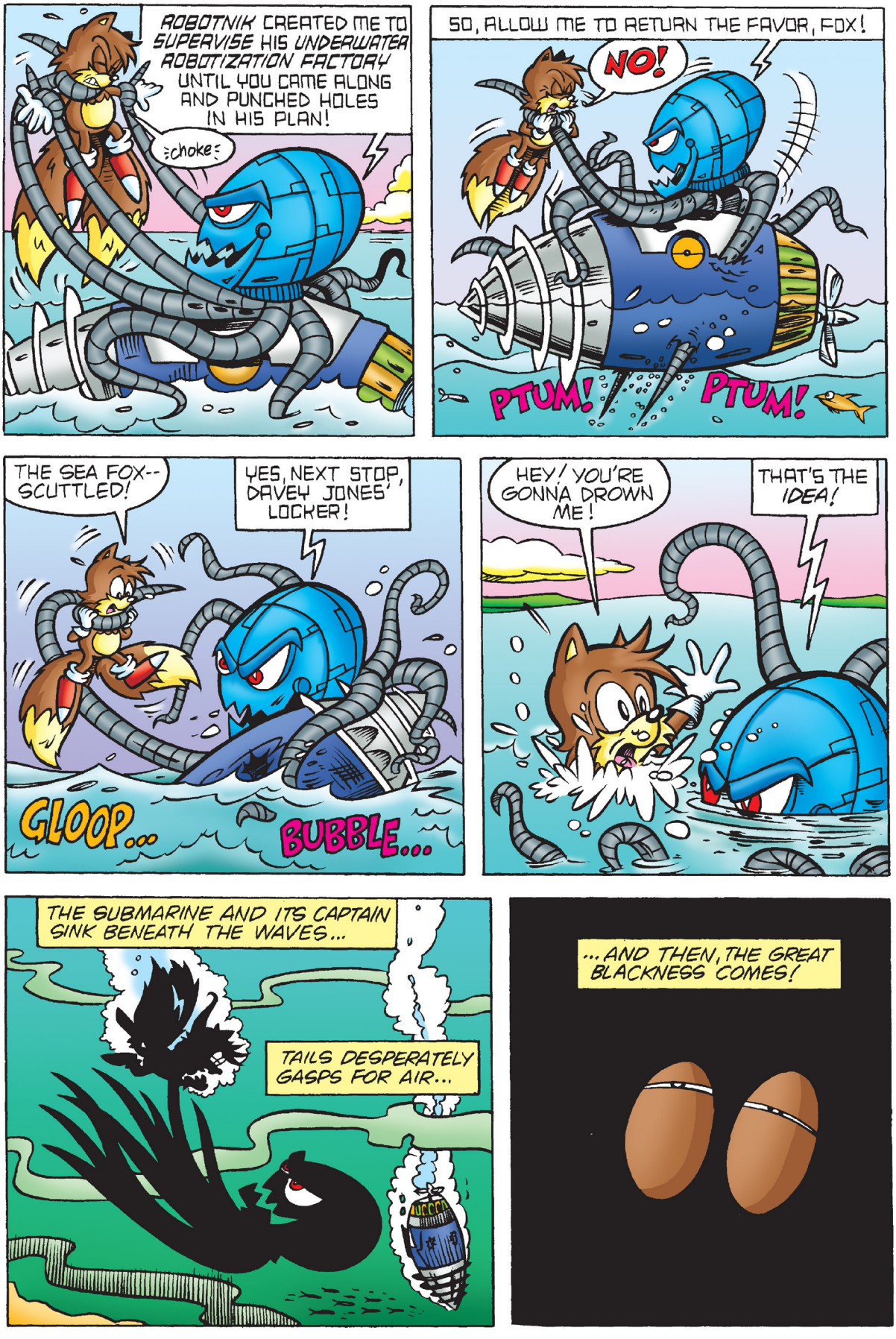

whew THAT WAS CLOSE--BUT NOW THE 'BOTS IN THE BLIMP KNOW I'M HERE! I'D BETTER RE-THINK THIS MISSION BACK ABOARD THE SEA FOX!
whirl... whirl... whirl...
pool...
pool...
pool...

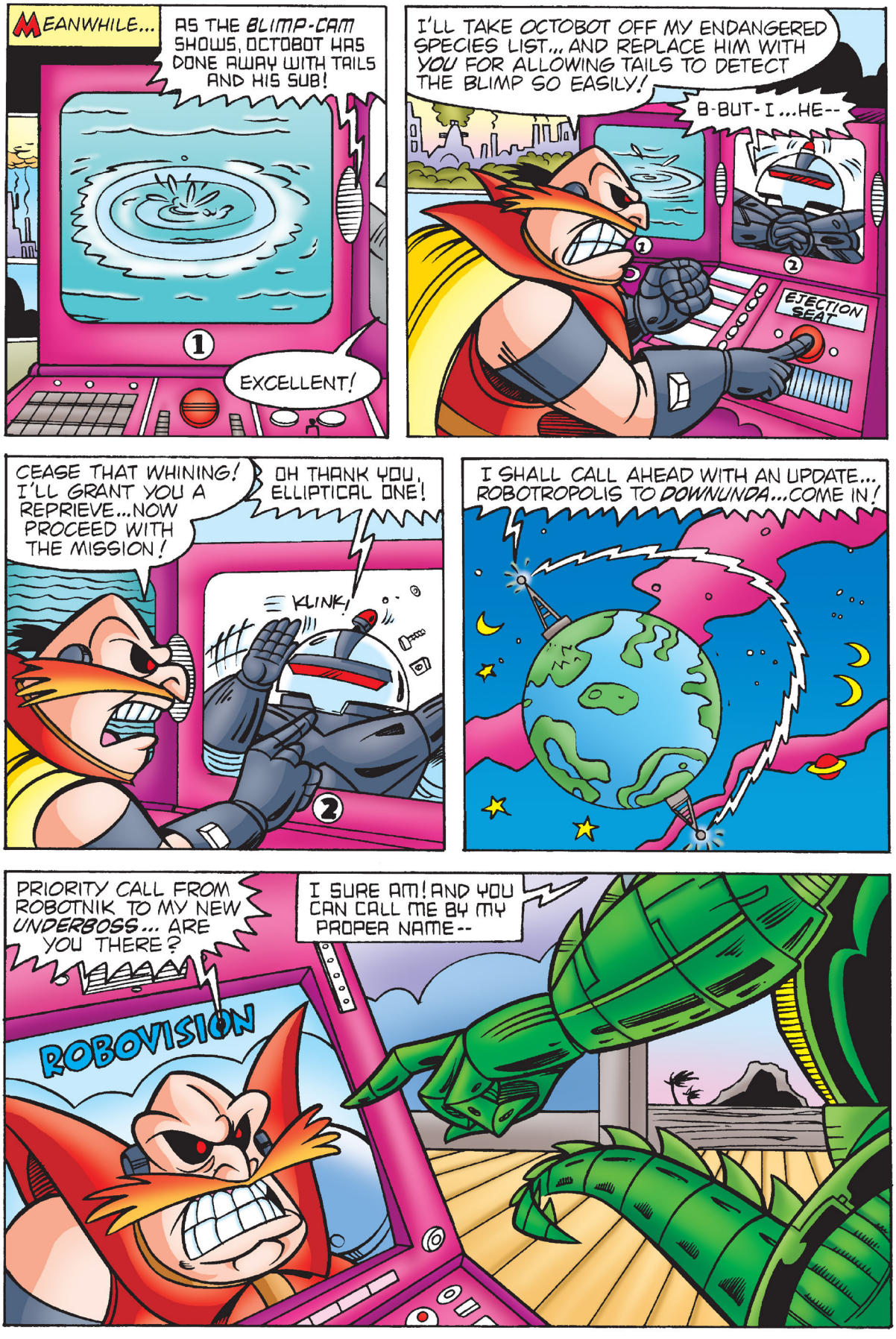

I'LL JUST DROP INTO THE EIGHT-PRONGED ENTRY HATCH...

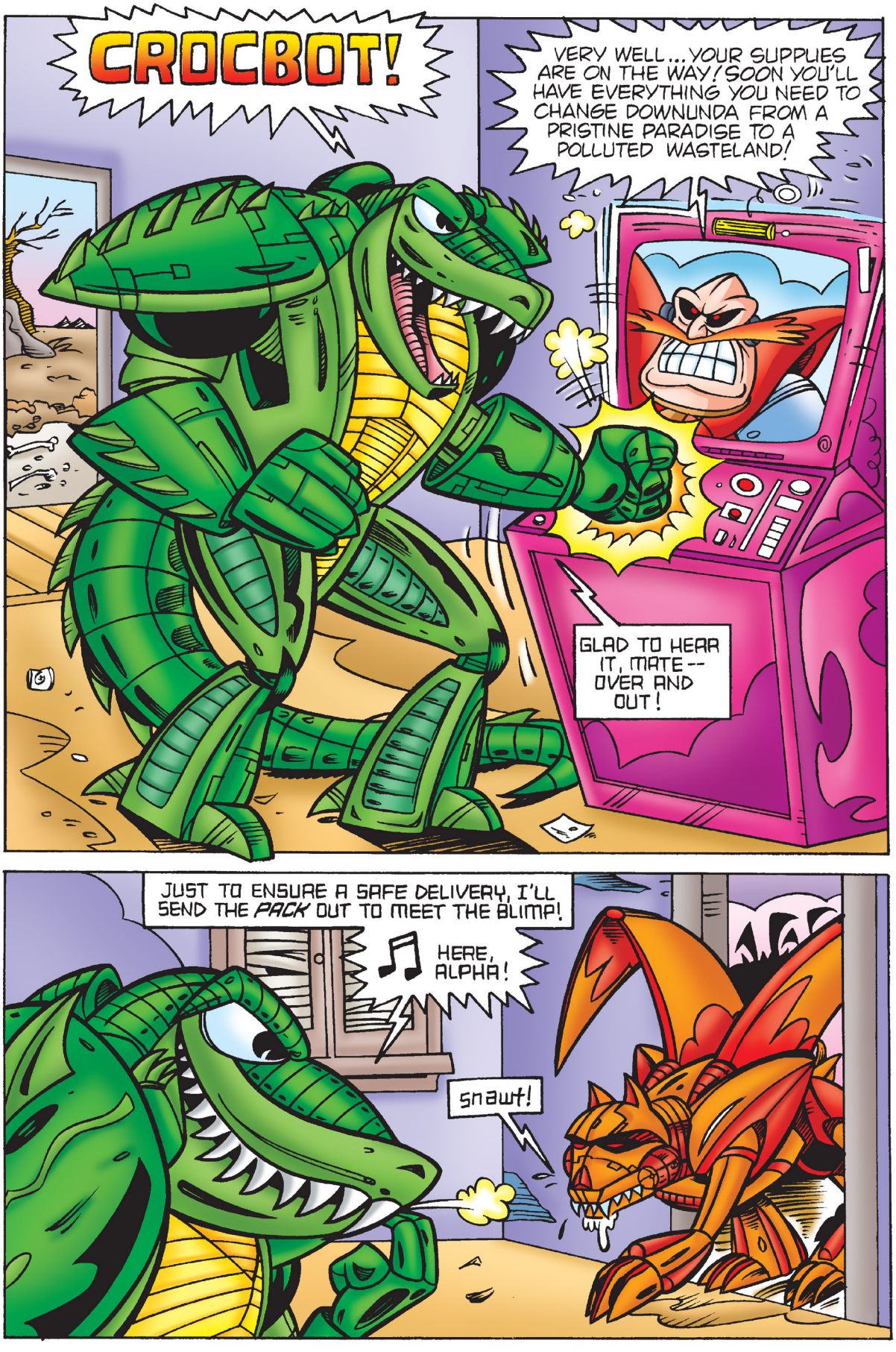

WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT EIGHT-PRONGED ENTRY HATCH?...
AAAGH!

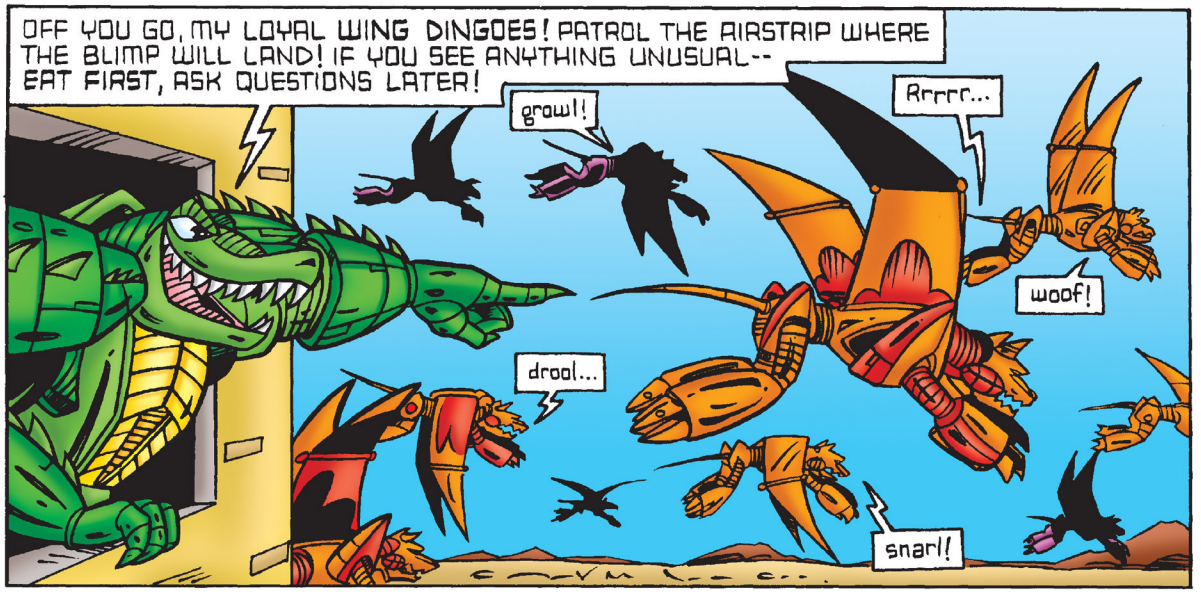

OMIGOSH... OCTOBOT!
INDEED!
POP!

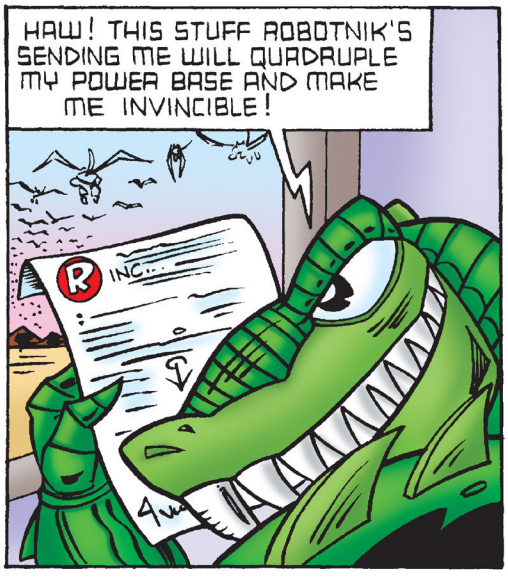

I TOLD YOU THAT I'D BE BACK!* NOW YOU'LL PAY FOR HUMILIATING ME!
ulp!
*YOU DIDN'T THINK YOU'D SEEN THE LAST OF OCTOBOT, DID YOU?! -EDITOR

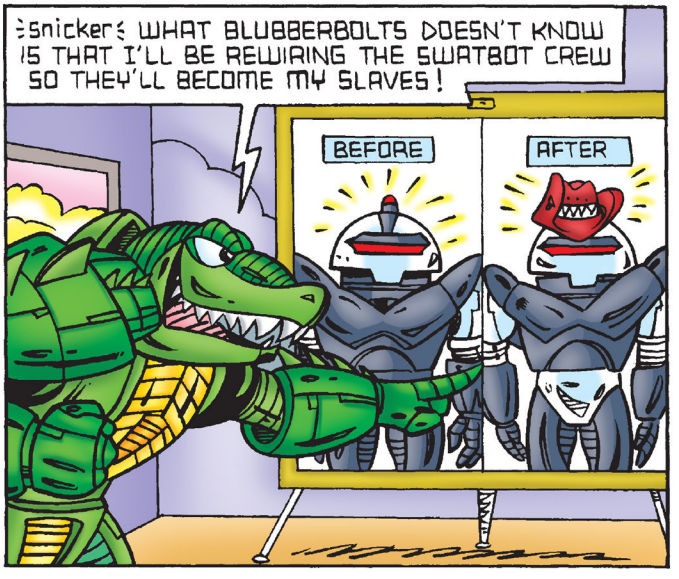

ROBOTNIK CREATED ME TO SUPERVISE HIS UNDERWATER ROBOTIZATION FACTORY UNTIL YOU CAME ALONG AND PUNCHED HOLES IN HIS PLAN!
:choke:
SO, ALLOW ME TO RETURN THE FAVOR, FOX!
NO!
PTUM!
PTUM!
THE SEA FOX-- SCUTTLED!
YES, NEXT STOP, DAVEY JONES' LOCKER!
GLOOP...
BUBBLE...
HEY! YOU'RE GONNA DROWN ME!
THAT'S THE IDEA!
THE SUBMARINE AND ITS CAPTAIN SINK BENEATH THE WAVES...
TAILS DESPERATELY GASPS FOR AIR...
...AND THEN, THE GREAT BLACKNESS COMES!

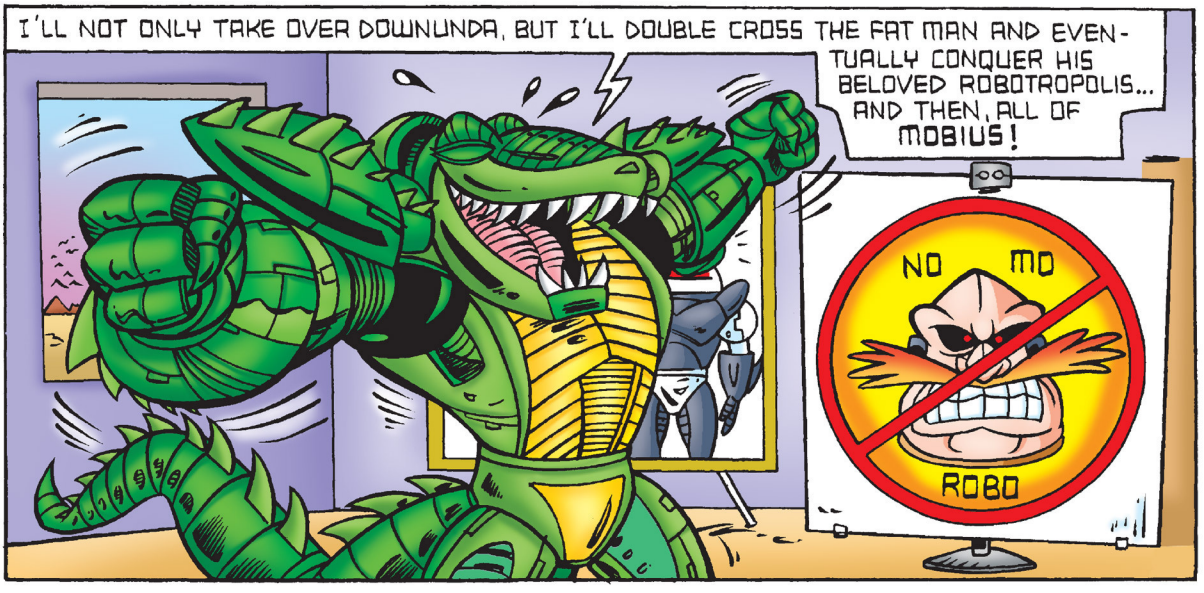

MEANWHILE...
AS THE BLIMP-CAM SHOWS, OCTOBOT HAS DONE AWAY WITH TAILS AND HIS SUB!
1
EXCELLENT!
I'LL TAKE OCTOBOT OFF MY ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST... AND REPLACE HIM WITH YOU FOR ALLOWING TAILS TO DETECT THE BLIMP SO EASILY!
B-BUT-I...HE--
1
2
EJECTION SEAT
CEASE THAT WHINING! I'LL GRANT YOU A REPRIEVE...NOW PROCEED WITH THE MISSION!
OH THANK YOU, ELLIPTICAL ONE!
KLINK!
2
I SHALL CALL AHEAD WITH AN UPDATE... ROBOTROPOLIS TO DOWNUNDA...COME IN!
PRIORITY CALL FROM ROBOTNIK TO MY NEW UNDERBOSS... ARE YOU THERE?
ROBOVISION
I SURE AM! AND YOU CAN CALL ME BY MY PROPER NAME--

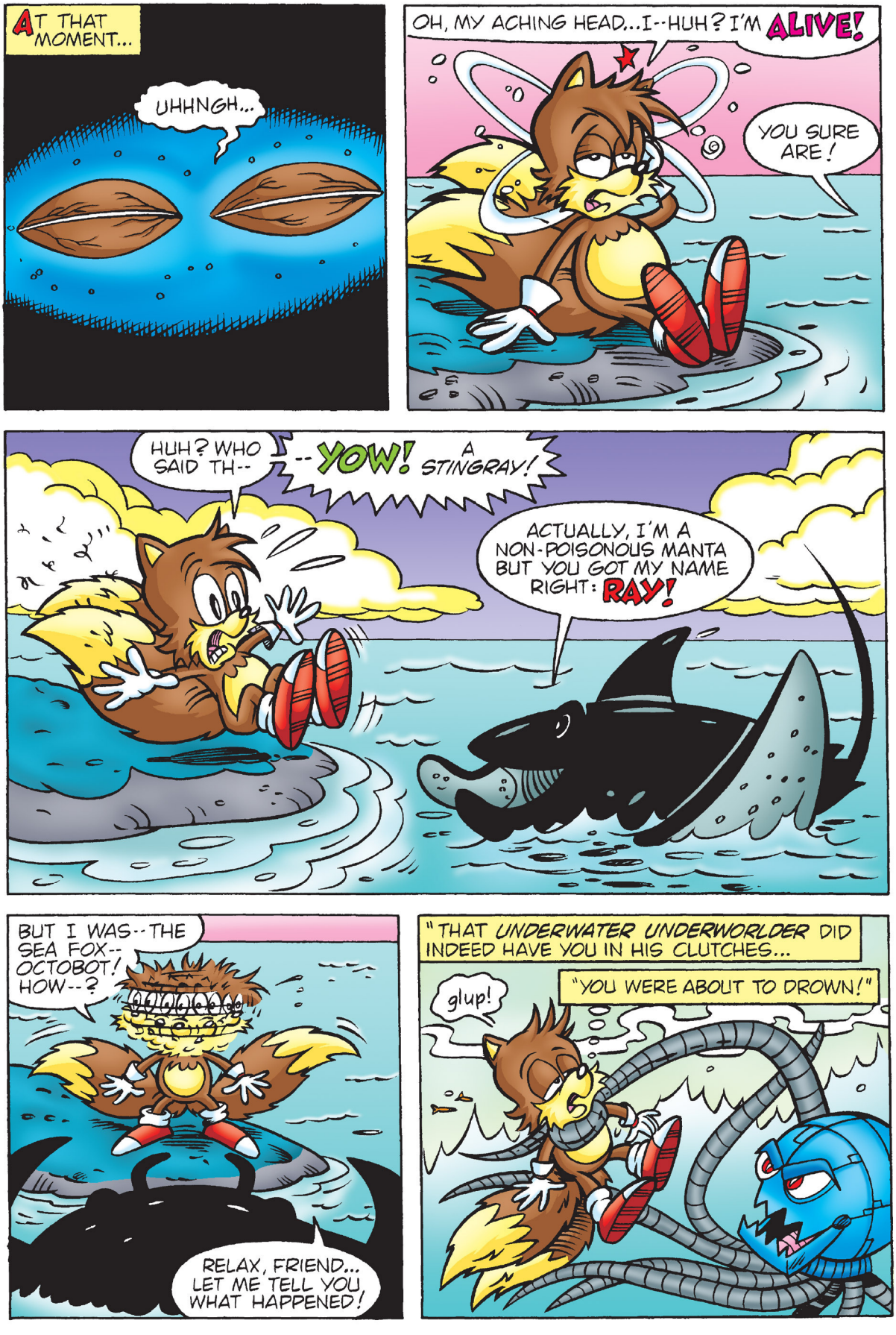

CROCBOT!
VERY WELL... YOUR SUPPLIES ARE ON THE WAY! SOON YOU'LL HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO CHANGE DOWNUNDA FROM A PRISTINE PARADISE TO A POLLUTED WASTELAND!
GLAD TO HEAR IT, MATE-- OVER AND OUT!
JUST TO ENSURE A SAFE DELIVERY, I'LL SEND THE *PACK* OUT TO MEET THE BLIMP!
HERE, ALPHA!
snawt!

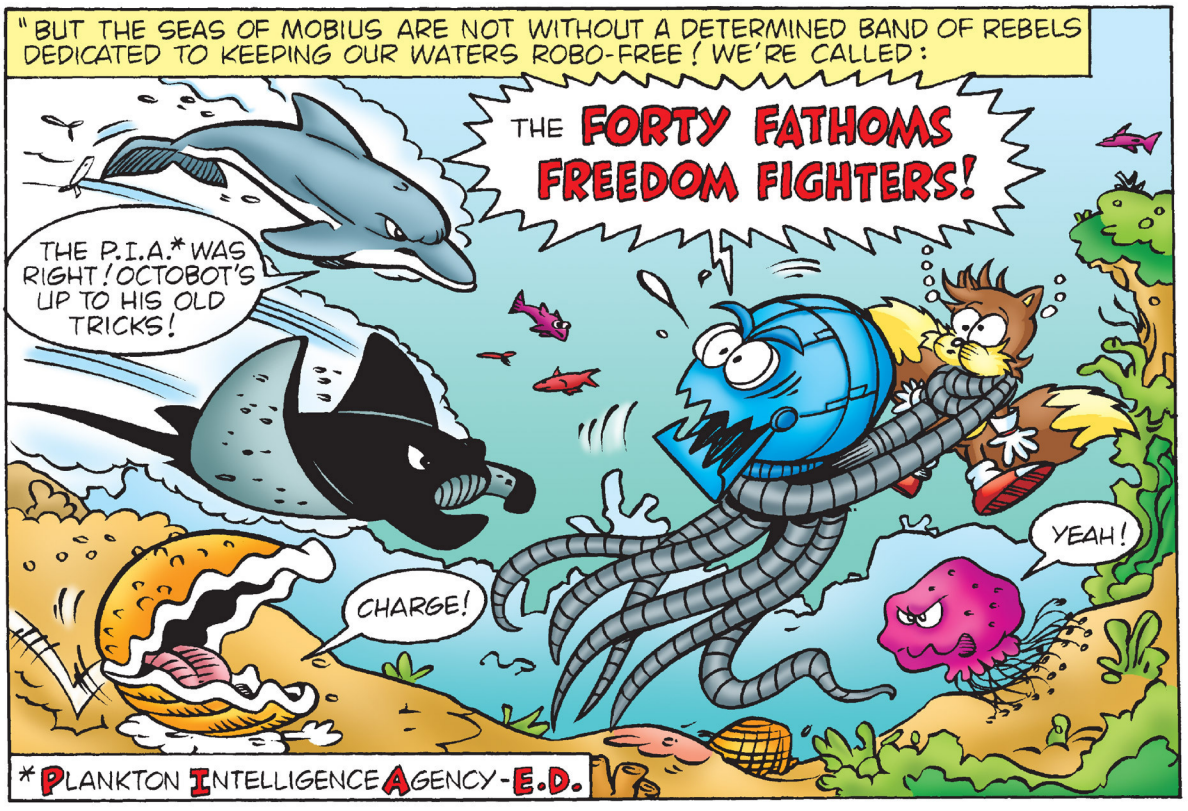

OFF YOU GO, MY LOYAL WING DINGOES! PATROL THE AIRSTRIP WHERE THE BLIMP WILL LAND! IF YOU SEE ANYTHING UNUSUAL-- EAT FIRST, ASK QUESTIONS LATER!
growl!
Rrrrr...
woof!
drool...
snarl!

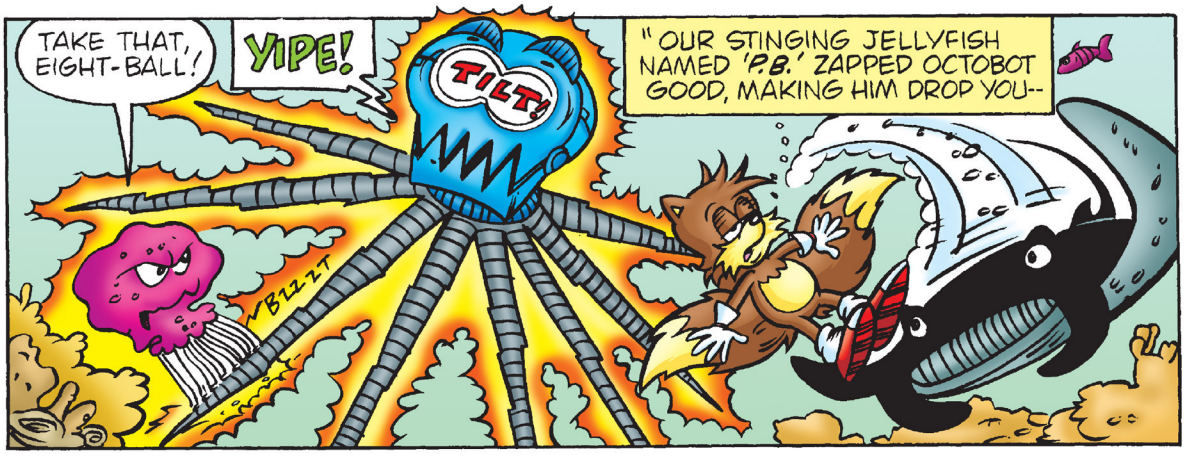

HAW! THIS STUFF ROBOTNIK'S SENDING ME WILL QUADRUPLE MY POWER BASE AND MAKE ME INVINCIBLE!
INC.

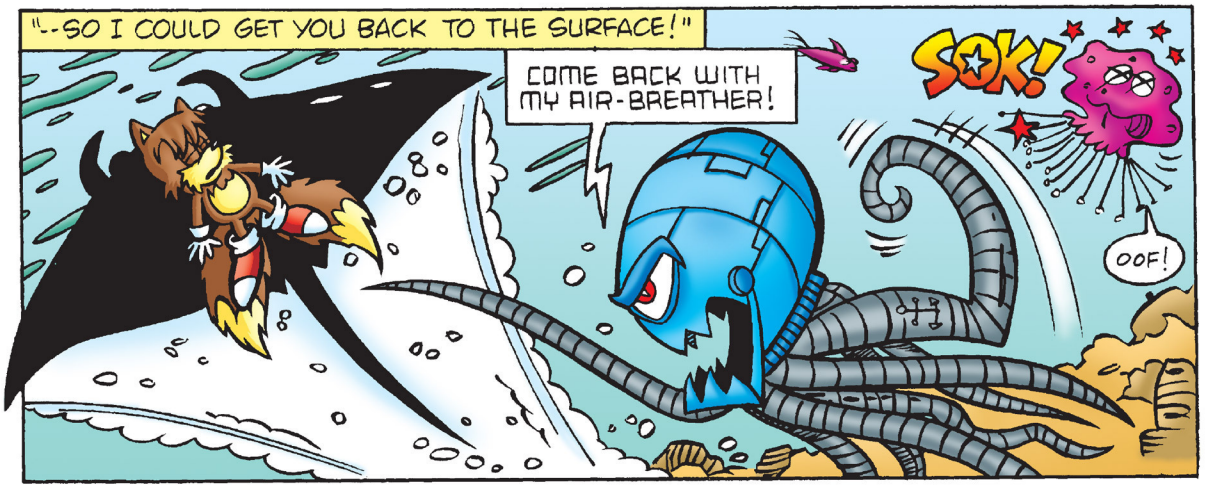

:snicker: WHAT BLUBBERBOLTS DOESN'T KNOW IS THAT I'LL BE REWIRING THE SWATBOT CREW SO THEY'LL BECOME MY SLAVES!
BEFORE
AFTER

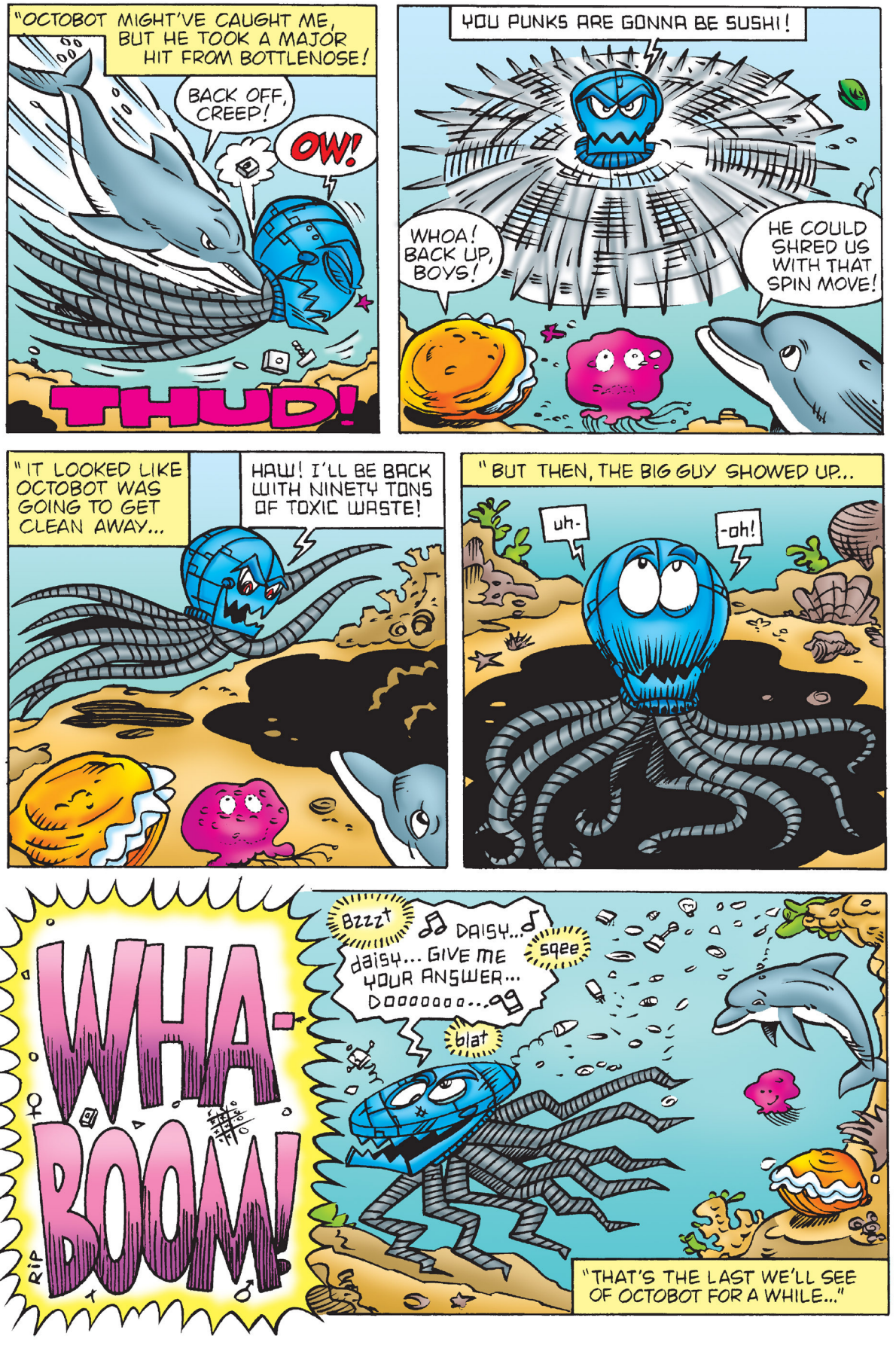

I'LL NOT ONLY TAKE OVER DOWNUNDA, BUT I'LL DOUBLE CROSS THE FAT MAN AND EVENTUALLY CONQUER HIS BELOVED ROBOTROPOLIS... AND THEN, ALL OF MOBIUS!
NO MO
ROBO

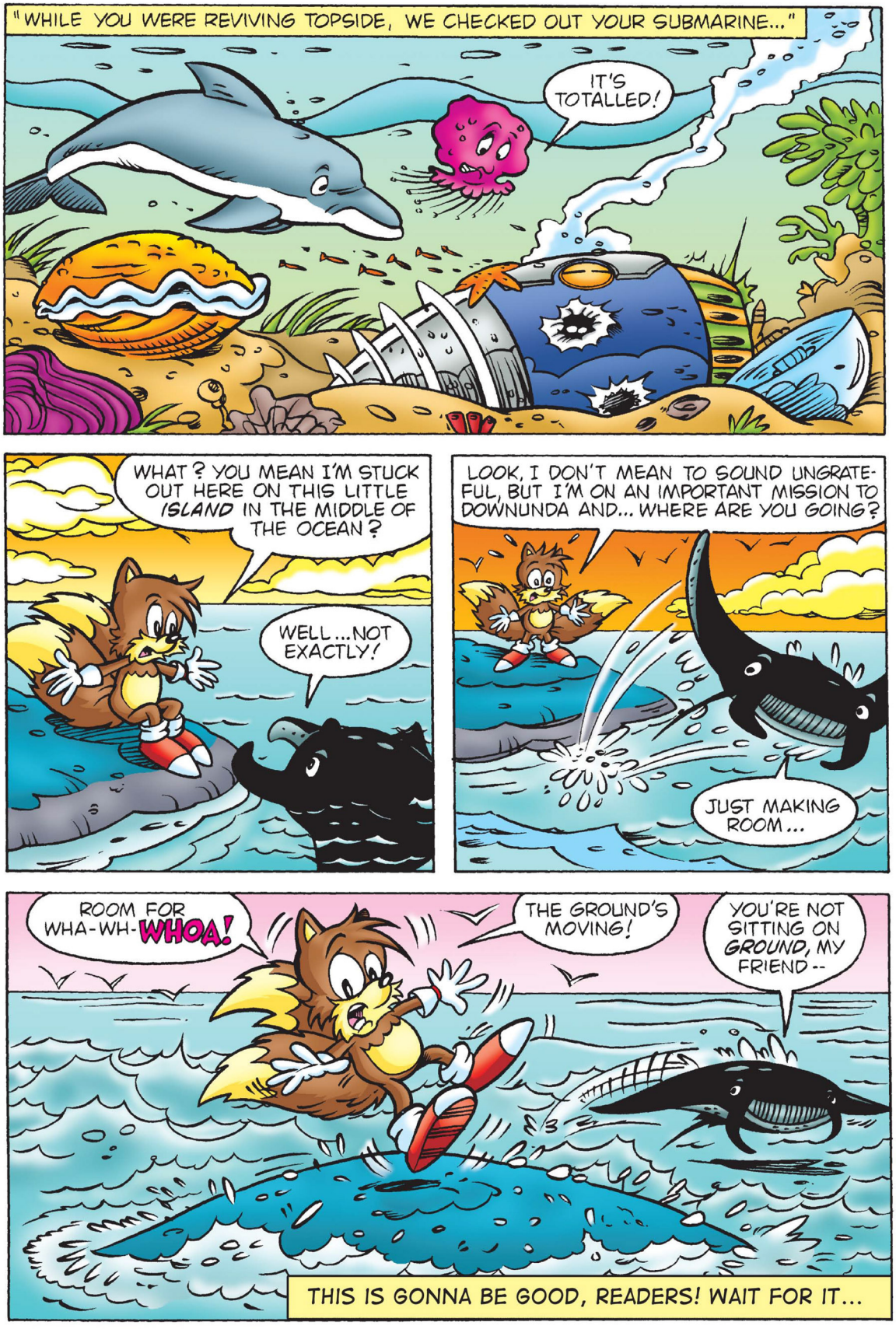

AT THAT MOMENT...
UHHNGH...
OH, MY ACHING HEAD...I--HUH? I'M ALIVE!
YOU SURE ARE!
HUH? WHO SAID TH--
--YOW! A STINGRAY!
ACTUALLY, I'M A NON-POISONOUS MANTA BUT YOU GOT MY NAME RIGHT: RAY!
BUT I WAS--THE SEA FOX-- OCTOBOT! HOW--?
RELAX, FRIEND... LET ME TELL YOU, WHAT HAPPENED!
"THAT UNDERWATER UNDERWORLDER DID INDEED HAVE YOU IN HIS CLUTCHES...
"YOU WERE ABOUT TO DROWN!"
glup!


"BUT THE SEAS OF MOBIUS ARE NOT WITHOUT A DETERMINED BAND OF REBELS DEDICATED TO KEEPING OUR WATERS ROBO-FREE! WE'RE CALLED:
THE FORTY FATHOMS FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
THE P.I.A.* WAS RIGHT! OCTOBOT'S UP TO HIS OLD TRICKS!
CHARGE!
YEAH!
*PLANKTON INTELLIGENCE AGENCY-E.D.


TAKE THAT, EIGHT-BALL!
YIPE!
TILT!
BUZZT
"OUR STINGING JELLYFISH NAMED 'P.B.' ZAPPED OCTOBOT GOOD, MAKING HIM DROP YOU--


"--SO I COULD GET YOU BACK TO THE SURFACE!"
COME BACK WITH MY AIR-BREATHER!
SOK!
OOF!

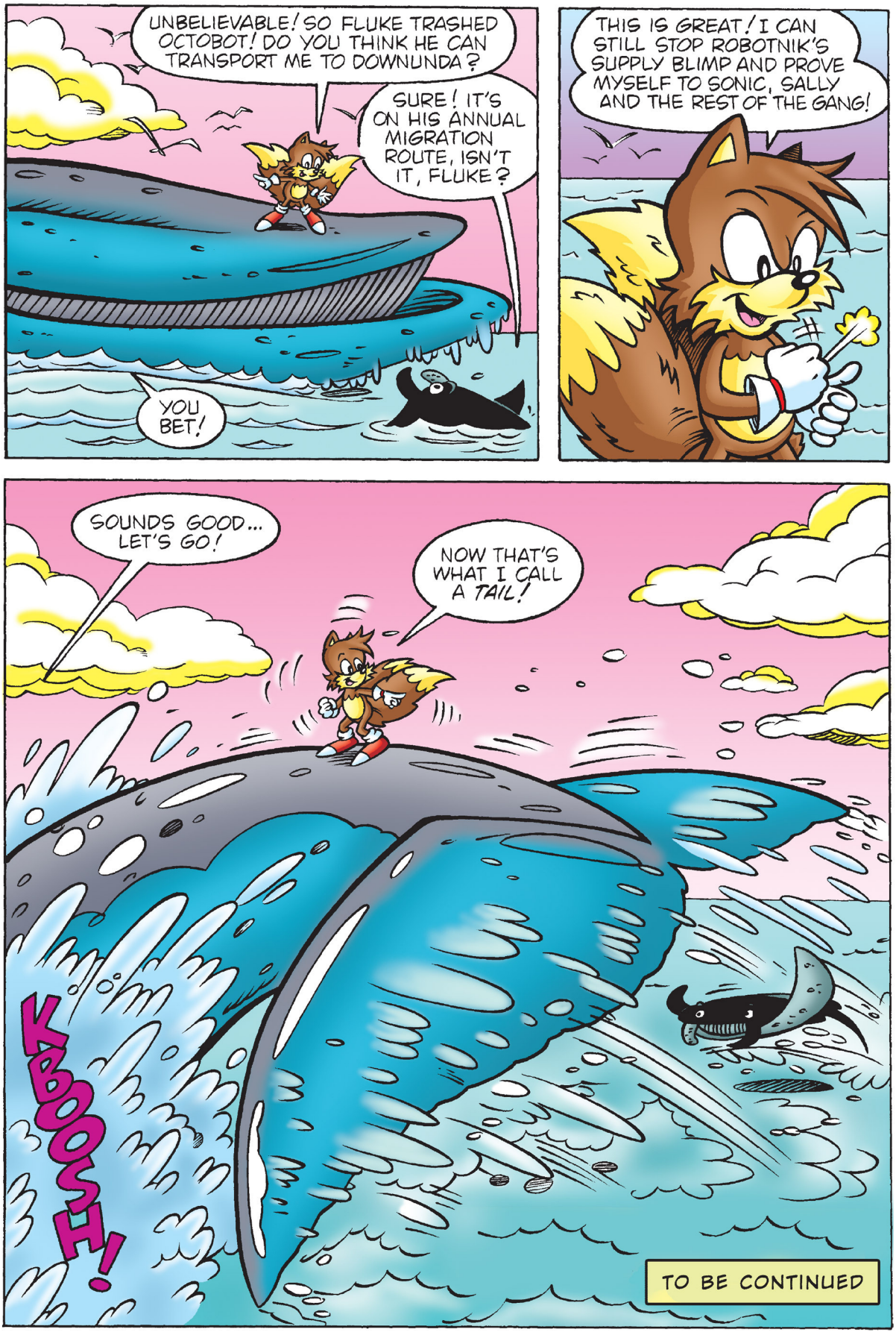

"OCTOBOT MIGHT'VE CAUGHT ME, BUT HE TOOK A MAJOR HIT FROM BOTTLENOSE!
BACK OFF, CREEP!
OW!
THUD!
YOU PUNKS ARE GONNA BE SUSHI!
WHOA! BACK UP, BOYS!
HE COULD SHRED US WITH THAT SPIN MOVE!
"IT LOOKED LIKE OCTOBOT WAS GOING TO GET CLEAN AWAY...
HAW! I'LL BE BACK WITH NINETY TONS OF TOXIC WASTE!
"BUT THEN, THE BIG GUY SHOWED UP...
uh-
-oh!
WHA-
BOOM!
RIP
Bzzzt
DAISY...
daisy... GIVE ME YOUR ANSWER... Doooooooo...
sqee
blat
"THAT'S THE LAST WE'LL SEE OF OCTOBOT FOR A WHILE..."


"WHILE YOU WERE REVIVING TOPSIDE, WE CHECKED OUT YOUR SUBMARINE..."
IT'S TOTALLED!
WHAT? YOU MEAN I'M STUCK OUT HERE ON THIS LITTLE ISLAND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN?
WELL...NOT EXACTLY!
LOOK, I DON'T MEAN TO SOUND UNGRATEFUL, BUT I'M ON AN IMPORTANT MISSION TO DOWNUNDA AND... WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
JUST MAKING ROOM...
ROOM FOR WHA-WH-WHOA!
THE GROUND'S MOVING!
YOU'RE NOT SITTING ON GROUND, MY FRIEND--
THIS IS GONNA BE GOOD, READERS! WAIT FOR IT...

BUT I *AM* THE BIGGEST CREATURE ON THE GROUND, IN THE SEA OR SKY... RIGHT, RAY?

WOW!

RIGHT, BIG GUY! TAILS, SAY HELLO TO **FLUKE** THE BLUE WHALE!


UNBELIEVABLE! SO FLUKE TRASHED OCTOBOT! DO YOU THINK HE CAN TRANSPORT ME TO DOWNUNDA?
SURE! IT'S ON HIS ANNUAL MIGRATION ROUTE, ISN'T IT, FLUKE?
YOU BET!
THIS IS GREAT! I CAN STILL STOP ROBOTNIK'S SUPPLY BLIMP AND PROVE MYSELF TO SONIC, SALLY AND THE REST OF THE GANG!
SOUNDS GOOD... LET'S GO!
NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL A TAIL!
KBOOSH!
TO BE CONTINUED